Departmental Enquiries - Personal appearance of the Audit/Accounts Officials before the Enquiry Officers in connection with certain -

Government of Maharashtra,
General Administration Department,
Circular No. CDR-1167/96378-D-I,
Sachivalaya, Bombay, dated the 6th April 1968
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CIRCULAR OF GOVERNMENT

The question whether in a case of departmental enquiry in which the salary of the accused becomes relevant evidence it is necessary that an official under the Accountant General, Maharashtra, Bombay, the Pay and Accounts Officer, Bombay or any other Audit/Accounts official should personally appear before an Enquiry Officer to prove the figures of salary/allowances drawn by the accused, furnished over the signature of a responsible officer of the concerned Audit/Accounts Office has been considered by Government.

Government has decided that it would not ordinarily be necessary for the Audit/Accounts officials to appear before the Enquiry Officer as witnesses to prove the figures in question. The position is that no particular officer of the Audit Department/Accounts Office would be in a position to prove the correctness of the numerous entries in a register made by various persons during the course of a period of years. It is also to be noted that the figures of salary/allowances are of relevance mostly in cases where the charge relates to possession of disproportionate assets. In such cases the Enquiry Officer would have satisfied himself about the correctness of the figures collected by him from the Audit/Accounts Offices, and got the figures accepted by the delinquent official. It will therefore be in very rare cases that an official would question before the Enquiry Officer the correctness of the figures of salary/allowances furnished by the Audit/Accounts official. In such instances the delinquent official would indicate the figures not accepted by him which can be got verified again by the Enquiry Officer. In any case, where the figures of salary/allowances are disputed, this dispute cannot be settled by merely requiring the presence of the Audit/Accounts Officer before the Enquiry Officer. Government is therefore pleased to direct that it should normally be sufficient if the authenticated statement of pay and allowances furnished by the Audit/Accounts Officer concerned is got produced before the Enquiry Officer.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra,
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To

The Accountant General, Maharashtra, Bombay,
The Senior Deputy Accountant General, Maharashtra, Nagpur.

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The Resident Audit Officer, Bombay,
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Bombay,
The Special Officer for Departmental Enquiries,
Bombay and Poona Divisions, Poona,
The Special Officer for Departmental Enquiries,
Nagpur and Aurangabad Divisions, Nagpur,
The Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Bombay,
All Heads of Departments under the several
Departments of the Secretariat,
The Finance Department,
All other Departments of the Secretariat.